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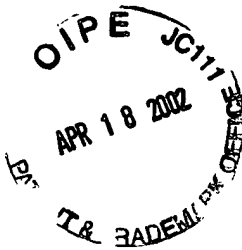
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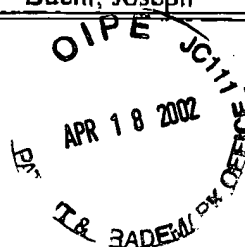
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**Title:** Systems and methods for packaging, distributing and managing assets in digital cable systems

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Request for Substitute Papers

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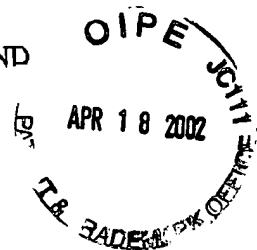
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For:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PACKAGING, DISTRIBUTING AND
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- 2) Part 2 of Formalities Letter;
- 3) Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- 4) Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
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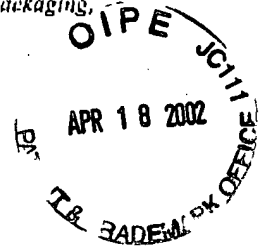
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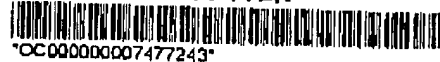




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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$54.
 - \$54 for 3 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
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- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application which has been executed by the named inventor(s)
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$924.00 to cover the filing fee of \$740.00, the \$54.00 additional claim fee, the \$130.00 surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e), and a check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the fee for the Assignment.
- ☐ English Translation and \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(k)) fee for filing late.
- ☒ Other: Assignment; Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet

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